

COMMENTS

Claims 1-6 were the claims before the examiner. Claims 1-4 have been amended and claims 5 and 6 are canceled. Claims 1-4 are all the claims now in the case.

Objection to drawings

The examiner objected to the drawings because they do not include reference signs mentioned in claim 6. Claim 6 has been canceled, obviating this objection. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Objection to the specification

The examiner objected to the specification for its lack of section headings. The specification has been amended to include section headings according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b).

The specification was also amended to include a brief description of the drawings, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). Support for this amendment is found in paragraph [0006] of the specification.

Rejections under § 112

The examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 6 has been canceled. This rejection is thus obviated and its withdrawal is requested.

The examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as indefinite. This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "combined in a popular way." The phrase "admixture of popular textile fabrics" has been rewritten to delete the word "popular." Claim 1 was also amended to delete the phrase "at least one layer, usually the surface one." Further, claims 1-4 have been rewritten to improve readability.

It is submitted that these amendments overcome the § 112 rejections.

Election and restriction requirement

The examiner found distinct species recited in claims 3, 5, and 6 and required applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The applicant elects to prosecute the species recited in claim 3 and has canceled claims 5 and 6.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that the claims as amended present patentable subject matter and allowance is therefore requested.

January 20, 2009

/ Marguerite Del Valle /
Reg. No. 34,319
Marguerite Del Valle
Power Del Valle LLP
Attorneys for applicant
233 West 72 Street
New York NY 10023
212-877-0100